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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS OF A SMART DECODING SCHEME FOR FAST  
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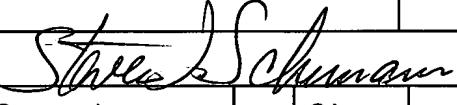
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